

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-47 are pending herein. Claims 1-22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 23-43 have been added and correspond to original claims 1-22, respectively. New claims 44-47 are added hereby as supported throughout the original specification.

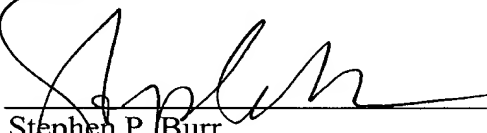
The §112 rejection of claims 1-22 are noted, but deemed moot in light of the cancellation of those claims. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 23-47 are in full compliance with §112, first and second paragraphs.

If Examiner Gordon believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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Respectfully submitted,



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